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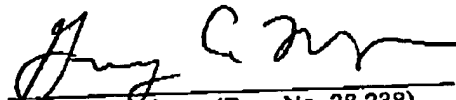
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2. On November 12, 2004, I submitted a Submission of Legible Text of Inventors' Declaration, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, that is in question of being accepted.
3. I have been associated with the law firm of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP, and its predecessor firms, Marshall, Gerstein & Borun, Marshall, O'Toole, Gerstein, Murray & Borun, and Marshall, O'Toole, Gerstein, Murray & Bicknell (collectively, "Marshall et al."), since 1993, and I have been a partner with the firm and its predecessor firms, Marshall, Gerstein & Borun and Marshall, O'Toole, Gerstein, Murray & Borun, since 2000.
4. I am familiar with the standard form documents typically used for patent prosecution by Marshall et al., and the inventors' declaration that, according to Marshall et al.'s records, was originally filed in connection with the above-noted application on September 6, 2001.

5. The inventors' declaration that was originally filed on September 6, 2001, and that was accepted by the United States Patent Office, as evidenced by a Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C [sic] 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B, is one of the standard form documents that was typically used for patent prosecution by Marshall et al. as of September 6, 2001.

6. The Submission of Legible Text of Inventors' Declaration includes an exact copy of the text of the original inventors' declaration submitted in the above-identified application.

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